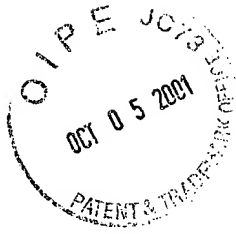


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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)


Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2001 for three months from July 5, 2001 to October 5, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 CFR 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.
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